

**PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re* application of

Richard Cawthon

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Determining Telomere Length*

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant has considered the non-final Office Action mailed May 12, 2008 and offers the following amendments and remarks. This Response is being filed on or before August 12, 2008 making it a timely response. A petition for a 3 month extension of time is enclosed herewith along with the required fee making it a timely response.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, including extension fees or additional claim fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (Attorney Docket No. 067629-5011-US).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.